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MISSION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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1. CREATION AND AUTHORITY

The Central Intelligence Agency was established under the National Security Council by the National Security Act of 1947 (61 Stat. 498; 50 U.S.C. Sup. 403), as amended, and the administration thereof is provided for in the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949 (63 Stat. 208), and other pertinent legislation.

2. MISSION

The Central Intelligence Agency, under the direction of the National Security Council, was created for the purpose of coordinating the intelligence activities of the several Government departments and agencies and of performing certain other functions as directed in the interest of national security.

3. FUNCTIONS

The Central Intelligence Agency, within the limitations of applicable legislation and directives, has the following specific functions:

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- a. To advise the National Security Council in matters concerning such intelligence activities of the Government departments and agencies as relate to national security;
  - b. To make recommendations to the National Security Council for the coordination of such intelligence activities of the departments and agencies of the Government as relate to the national security;
  - c. To correlate and evaluate intelligence relating to the national security, and provide for the appropriate dissemination of such intelligence within the Government using, where appropriate, existing agencies and facilities;
  - d. To perform, for the benefit of the existing intelligence agencies, such additional services of common concern as the National Security Council determines can be more efficiently accomplished centrally; and
  - e. To perform such other functions and duties related to intelligence affecting the national security as the National Security Council may from time to time direct.

#### 4. ORGANIZATION

The organization of the Central Intelligence Agency and its components, with the distribution of functional responsibility, is set forth in Agency regulations (classified as national defense information), which are the governing directives for Agency management.

#### 5. ADMINISTRATION

- a. In the performance of its mission, the Central Intelligence Agency will conform to the provisions of the Central Intelligence Act of 1949 and to such other legislation or directives as may be applicable.

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b. Each Deputy Director:

- (1) Is responsible for, and has authority to carry out, the functions specified for him in Agency regulations. Except when prohibited from so doing, he may delegate to members of his staff appropriate portions of such responsibilities together with proportionate authority for their fulfillment, but such action will not relieve him of overall responsibility for results;
- (2) Shall coordinate his activities with the other Deputy Directors to the extent necessary for fulfillment of the overall Agency mission but shall in no instance assume responsibilities and functions assigned elsewhere;
- (3) Shall establish internal policies and procedures for the operation of his component in accordance with this and other Agency regulations; and
- (4) Shall prepare, with the assistance of the Deputy Director (Support), detailed statements of functions for his principal subordinates. Such statements will include functions of chiefs of branch and similar organizational levels.

c. The Deputy Director (Support) is designated to exercise those Agency powers specifically delegated by law to the "Executive of the Agency."

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